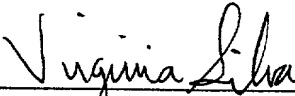


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Inventor(s): Changick Kim

FOR **REDUCING BLOCKING AND RINGING ARTIFACTS IN LOW-BIT-RATE CODING**

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Sir:

Applicant requests, in accordance with the USPTO Notice published in the Official Gazette on October 9, 2001, that the Utility Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) including five (5) sheets of Informal Drawings, a copy of which is enclosed, be accorded a filing date of October 23, 2001. Copies of the transmittal letter, PTO Data Entry Cover Sheet, Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and PTO 1595, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 with nine (9) references and return postcard, deposited along with the application, are also enclosed.

In support of this request, applicant submits herewith a Statement of Virginia Silva and Exhibits A and B.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this request to Deposit Account No.: 19-2746.

Respectfully submitted,

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